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Reference: 12 Day Pre-Runoff Report (9/2/99-10/27/99)

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule A of your report discloses contributions which appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act. Copies of some, but not all, of the apparent excessive contributions are attached for your information. You should examine all of your contributions to check for additional excessives. The Committee's procedures for processing contributions should also be reviewed.

An individual or a political committee other than a qualified multicandidate committee may not make a contribution to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$1,000 per election. A qualified multicandidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The Keep The Seat Democratic Co Ca-42nd Search Committee did not meet the requirements for qualified multicandidate status as of the date the contributions were made to your committee. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money, or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (2 U.S.C. §441a(a) and (f); 11 CFR §110.1(b), (e), and (k))

If the contribution(s) in question was not completely or correctly reported, you should amend your original report using the correct information. If the contribution exceeds the limit, you should either refund to the donor the